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Completes Basic Training

William H. Pearson III, former student of Ringgold, has just completed his basic training at the U. S. Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, New Jersey, having entered the Coast Guard last August. Seaman Apprentice Pearson will now report to the 8th Coast Guard District for further duty.

IN MEMORIAM—

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January 4 at a Vienna, Austria, clinic. The body is being flown to the United States for interment in Baton Rouge. She is survived by her husband and three sons.

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Charles Eyer, B.S. '56, formerly of Winnfield, died December 21 in Houston, Texas, after a serious illness. He had been employed by an oil company in Houston for the past two years. His wife is the former Nelda Jenkins, of Winnfield, ex '53.

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Robert K. Nabours, Class of 1900, of Many, died in Manhattan, Kansas, on January 6. He was a member of the Kansas State staff for 35 years and head of the Department of Zoology for 31 years.

His work in genetics brought international fame both to himself and to the institution he served. He retired from active duty in 1945. He was 84 years of age at the time of his passing.

CUPID'S DOINGS

Word has just been received that Lt. James O. Hammons (BS '59) and Miss Jerelyn Ann Cook (Nursing Student) were married late in August in Oklahoma, where Lt. Hammons was attending the basic officers' course. He is to be stationed at the Nike-Hercules missile site outside of Dallas, Texas. The new Mrs. Hammons will continue her nurse's training at NSC.

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Rose Marie Campbell (BS, '57), of Many, and James Howard Morriss, of Bonham, Texas, were married November 26, at 4:00 o'clock at the First Baptist Church of Daingerfield, Texas. They will continue to live in Daingerfield, where Mrs. Morriss is Morris County Home Demonstration Agent.

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On December 19, Nancy McNair (BS, summer, '59), of Kinder, and Russell Burleigh were married. He is a candidate for graduation from McNeese this month, and she has been teaching at Elton High School.

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On Dec. 19, Louise Elizabeth Pons (BA, '56) and Dr. Ollie Penn Williams were married at 6 o'clock in the evening, in the St. Paul Lutheran Church. After a Gulf Coast honeymoon, they returned to Shreveport, where they will reside.

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Mae Sue Teer, of Shreveport, and John Richmond Holladay, of Colfax, both students at NSC, were married on Sunday, December 20, in the Blanchard Methodist Church. They are living in Natchitoches and continuing their education at NSC.

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At 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, December 21, in the First Baptist Church in Mansfield, Barbara Alice Brown, senior student at NSC, and Jackie Ray Crain were united in marriage. They will make their home in Natchez, Miss., where the groom is an electrical engineer.

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Kerry Kay, of Joyce, and Rodney Kenneth Bradford, of Georgetown, were married in Winnfield December 24. The bride is a junior at Northwestern, and will remain in school while the groom is on overseas duty with the United States Navy.

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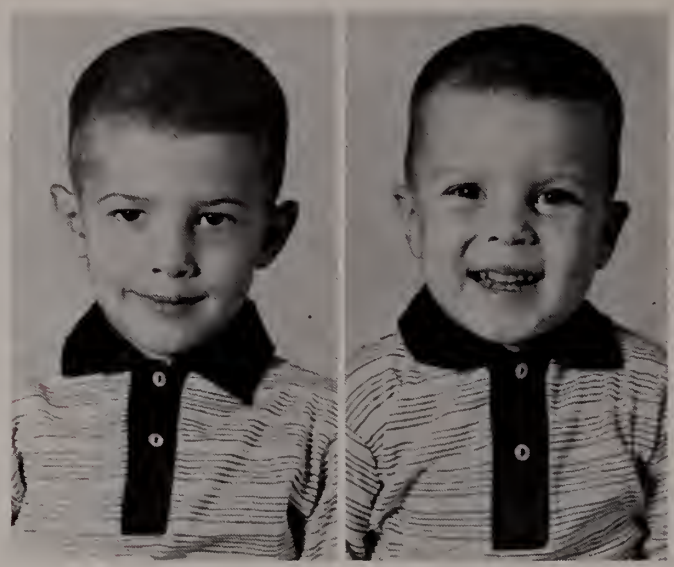
The First Baptist Church of Rodessa was the scene December 26 of the wedding of two graduates of NSC, Patricia Grace Lister (BA '59) and Franklin R. Newton (BS '58). The bride has been teaching at North Highlands Elementary School in Shreveport, and the groom is a member of the faculty at Verda High School.

TWO "SHILLINGS"



Phillip Raymond, 4 (left), and Richard Keith, 3, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shilling of Gorum, Louisiana. Mrs. Shilling is the former Carmen Basco, B. A. '52, and is a member of the faculty at Gorum High School. She enjoys the Alumni Columns very much as it keeps her in contact with former friends and classmates.

B I R T H S

A daughter, Susan Renee (9 lbs., 4½ oz.), was born to Mr. and Mrs. (nee Jamey Nay Poulan, BS 1958) Cecil C. Belgard II, of Monroe, on December 4.

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The Barry L. Johnsons, of 2830 Oak Street, Shreveport, announce the birth of their first child, a little girl, on Tuesday, December 15. She has been named Marie Lynn, and weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. Barry (BS '57) is an instructor at Centenary.

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John Patrick, 8 lbs. 2 ozs., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie T. Bennett, of Pineville, on December 21. Mr. Bennett (BS '55) taught mathematics in Pineville High School last year, and Mrs. Bennett (Sue Hooper, BS '57) received her degree in Nursing.

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Rev. and Mrs. Bob Tatum (Carla Tolar, BA '57) are the proud parents of a son, John Lowell, born January 11, and weighing 8 lbs., 6½ oz. Bob (BS '55) is the director of student activities for the Wesley Foundation.

MAKES SOLO FLIGHT

Lt. Charles B. Bice, former student at the College, made his first solo flight on December 3 at Pensacola, Florida. Bice lived at 114 E. Court Street, Winnfield, before entering the Flight Training Program at the Marine Activity, Shreveport.

Bice is taking his basic flight training at Pensacola, where he is also receiving instruction in all the necessary fields connected with flight.

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ARCHITECT'S MODEL OF NEW DORMITORY

Dormitory Plans Near Completion; To Be Constructed On West Campus

Architect's plans for the new $900,000 women's dormitory to be constructed on the Northwestern State College campus are nearing completion.

Conferences between College officials and William H. Woodward, Lake Charles architect, were held on campus during the latter part of January. The modern structure will house 300 students. Site for the building will be on the knoll just west of St. Denis Hall.

According to President John S. Kyser, "There is reason to believe that preliminary plans and specifications will be ready for presentation to the State Board of Education at its next meeting on March 15." If the Board approves the plans, advertising for bids should be completed in April.

Funds for the project were voted by the 1959 Legislature when it appropriated $1,000,000 for Northwestern as its share of State mineral leases.

Also from this appropriation will be $100,000 for the renovation and remodeling of the last of three old Navy barracks (Laundry Building) for additional men's housing for 100 students. The building, when remodeled, will be named North Hall.

Northwestern was among the first of the State Colleges to make successful application to the Housing and Home Finance Agency for federal funds for college housing and dining facilities. A loan of approximately $1,500,000 made possible the construction of Natchitoches Hall, St. Denis Hall, and West Caspari Hall. All of these buildings have been in operation since the Fall of 1958.

An application to the HHFA for an additional loan of $1,150,000 for student housing was made in 1959. The success of this application will depend upon the action of the present congress. The older federal appropriations for college housing and related purposes have been exhausted.

A Message From Your Secretary

As this issue of the Columns goes to press, your New Secretary, through this medium, hastens to say: GREETINGS to ALL THE ALUMNI, THE STUDENTS, THE FACULTY AND FRIENDS of NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE.

In accepting the appointment made by official act of the Board of Directors of Northwestern State College Alumni Association under date of January 10, 1960, to hold the position he now has, he does so with a feeling of much pride and deep appreciation for the honor conferred upon him. One of his greatest loves has been and now is the deep concern he has in the building of a greater Northwestern State College. Opportunities and challenges now present themselves in a way they have never done before for him to give of his time and what talent he possesses to work to this end.

Considering all the factors that enter into the growth and useful development of a college, one can, most assuredly, find none of greater importance than that of the loyal and supporting personnel composing the Alumni of the College. In his approach to a job to be done and with this thought in mind, your Secretary looks forward to responding to the numerous challenges that must, of necessity, confront one occupying a po-

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Charles L. Barnette, BS '51 in mathematics and chemistry, has been appointed commercial engineer for the General Electric Receiving Tube Department. He will provide commercial engineering service to electronic equipment manufacturers in the New York and New Jersey area. His address is 200 Main Avenue, Clifton, N. J.

Three generations comprise the complete history of Northwestern State College basketball. At center is H. Lee Prather, recently honored at Shreveport's Ark-La-Tex banquet for his 38 years at the NSC cage reins. At right is Dr. Charles Thomas, who succeeded Prather and was head cage mentor for seven years. At left is Huey Cranford, who is in his third year as Demon coach.

H. Lee Prather Receives Ark-La-Tex Sports Citation

H. Lee Prather, former coach and later president of Northwestern State College, was recipient of a special citation at the third annual Ark-La-Tex Sports Award Dinner held at the Washington-Youree Hotel in Shreveport on Feb. 12.

During 20 of the 38 years he coached at Northwestern, Prather handled the coaching reins of all four major sports without an assistant.

Beginning his career at Northwestern State College (which was then known as Louisiana Normal) in 1913, Prather coached basketball, football, track, and baseball.

Coach Prather later turned all athletics, except basketball, over to Harry Turpin. Having begun to play basketball only 10 years after Dr. James Naismith invented the game, Prather continued to coach the hardwood sport for 38 years, until he became president of the College in 1950.

Born on a farm near Odessa, Mo., he attended the University of Missouri and received the A. B. degree in 1910 and the LL.B. in 1912.

After one year at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, he moved to Northwestern in 1913 and remained with the Demons for 38 years—establishing a record for coaching tenure at one institution.

His teams won approximately 500 games. Records are incomplete on a couple of seasons, but the other campaigns show a fine 388-143 (.731) record.

His "tenure" tradition has survived at NSC. For example, the College has had only three coaches in each of the major sports—football and basketball. In football, Prather was followed by Turpin and the current head grid mentor, Jack Clayton. In basketball, he was succeeded by Dr. Charles (Red) Thomas and later the present cage mentor, Huey Cranford.

After holding the presidency of NSC for four years, Prather retired on May 15, 1954.

His numerous honors include a term as president of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a coach—membership in the Helms Foundation All-American Hall of Fame for Basketball.

B I R T H S

Mr. and Mrs. Del Arthur Holmes of Flatwoods, BS '56, announce the arrival of a daughter, Candace Dina, Dec. 29, 1959. The young lady weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs.

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It's a boy for the Gene M. Snows (Nellois Wills, 3-Year Nursing, '53) of Alexandria. Darryl Bruce was born Dec. 28, weighing 8 lbs., 12 ozs.

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It's a boy, also, for Mr. and Mrs. Philip John Timothy of Alexandria. Michael Raymond was born Dec. 31, and weighed 7 lbs., 8½ ozs. Mrs. Timothy is the former Mary Janette Abraham, BA '52; Mr. Timothy received his degree in Jan. '50.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kidd of Dallas, Texas, announce the birth of William Wayne, Jr., weighing 9 lbs., 10½ ozs. Mr. Kidd received his BS degree in the Summer, '57.

Foundation To Sponsor Two Science Programs

Two departments at Northwestern State College have received National Science Foundation grants to support Summer Training Programs for High School Students.

The Department of Biological Science received a NSF grant in the amount of $4,920 to support a program which will afford promising secondary school students an opportunity to gain increased knowledge of scientific content and methods in biology. Dr. Rene J. Bienvenu, associate professor of biology, will direct the program.

A grant in the amount of $6,280 was awarded the Department of Physical Sciences to support a summer program in chemistry, under the direction of department head, Dr. Allan H. Crosby. The program is designed for superior students from the smaller schools who have not had the opportunity of participating in accelerated or special classes.

Dr. Leo T. Allbritten Assigned To New Post

Dr. Leo T. Allbritten has been named Dean of Instruction at Northwestern State College and will perform the duties of the new position in addition to his work as Dean of the Graduate School.

Allbritten joined the NSC education faculty in 1946 and was promoted to professor of education in 1948. He served as Dean of the School of Education from July, 1953, until December, 1954, at which time he became Dean of the Graduate School.

In Memoriam

Miss Corinne Lelia Saucier, a retired Northwestern State College associate professor, died at her home in Natchitoches, Feb. 1. A 1914 graduate of the old Normal College, Miss Saucier later received a BS and an MA degree from Peabody, a diploma from the Sorbonne in France, and a Ph.D. degree from Laval University in Quebec. She was an authority on the history of Avoyelles Parish, having written a book on the subject. After teaching in several of the high schools of Louisiana, she came to the College as a member of the language faculty in 1931.

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Mr. William Carroll Bennett, assistant professor of library science, died unexpectedly Jan. 30 in a Natchitoches hospital. He was a graduate of Mansfield High School, studied at Louisiana College, and received his master's degree from the University of Texas. A veteran of World War II, he worked in public libraries before coming to NSC seven years ago.

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Mrs. Edna Lucky Scott, of Ringgold, died Jan. 25 after a lengthy illness. She was a 1952 graduate of NSC, and was a former Ringgold High School teacher.

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Mr. Louis Henry (Jack) Huson, 55, died unexpectedly Feb. 6 in the Natchitoches Parish Hospital. Mr. Huson was building and grounds maintenance supervisor at Northwestern State College.

Born to Buddy Carroll and Montrecia Harris Carroll, a son, Stephen Lee Carroll, February 2. Mrs. Carroll formerly worked in the Alumni Office. Both are enrolled at NSC this semester.

ALUMNI HERE 'N THERE

EMPLOYED IN PORT ARTHUR

David G. Pyland, BS '59, is employed in the accounting department of Gulf Oil Corporation, Port Arthur, Texas.

He states that he enjoys keeping in touch with the College and friends through Alumni Columns. His address is 3045 Tenth Street, Port Arthur.

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ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Edward C. Greco, BS '33, senior research chemist for United Gas Corp., Shreveport, has been elected vice-president of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers for 1960-61.

Greco has been president of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences, state director for the American Association for Advancement of Sciences, and state director of Science Fairs, which he organized in 1957. He is past chairman and councilor of the Ark-La-Tex Section of the American Chemical Society.

He has been active in NACE since 1946. He was chairman of the Technical Practices Committee for 1957-59. This committee supervises all other NACE technical committees investigating corrosion in oil and gas well equipment. Greco is author of three technical papers which were recently published.

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RECEIVES COMMISSION

Dudley I. Morrison, BS '52, MS, '59, a teacher in the Hicks Elementary School, was recently commissioned a first lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. He is the only man in Louisiana to win the commission in nationwide competition.

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BANQUET SPEAKER

Faize Mahfouz, BS '39, successful coach at Eunice High School, was the principal speaker at Louisiana College's annual athletic banquet recently. The NSC alumnus has won additional plaudits of late as an after-dinner speaker.

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NAMED PRINCIPAL

James Earl Turner, BS '40, has been appointed principal of the new Woodlawn High School, which is to open in Shreveport next fall. His assistant principals at the new school will be Mrs. Helen Dear, BA '39, and J. W. Cook, Jr., MEd. '59.

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LIFE MEMBERS

New Life Members in the Alumni Association are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Andreyk of Sulphur, La. Andy, BS '59, is at Sulphur High School, and Mrs. Andreyk (Alice Hulls, BS '57), is teaching at Sulphur Frasch Elementary.

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MOVE INTO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rogers, 9440 Kroetz Dr., Shreveport, have recently moved into their new home. Elgie, BS '55, is employed by Texas Eastern Co., and Mrs. Rogers (Barbara A. Evans, BS '56), is working as associate Home Demonstration Agent for Caddo Parish.

Harold J., Jr., 6 (left), and Peter Stephen, 5, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Mathies of Sun, La. Mrs. Mathies is the former Reba Talley (BA '36). She is presently teaching home economics and science in Fifth Ward Junior High School in Bush, La.

MESSAGE —

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sition of this kind as it relates to all the ramifications of College activities.

Leroy S. Miller, your former Secretary, has without doubt done an outstanding job in that capacity, and he is extensively recognized by many people in similar stations in life. There is an old adage, long since proclaimed, that it is easier to follow one in a position of trust and merit who has done a good job than it is to follow one who has not. Your present Secretary accepts this concept as a springboard to plunge into his responsibilities with a determination to perform a useful service.

The many thoughtful expressions of welcome and congratulations coming from Alumni and friends throughout the State are greatly appreciated. In keeping with the importance attached to congenial attitudes of members of the Alumni Association, it is the sincere hope of your Secretary-Treasurer that the full cooperation of members will ever be present. From time to time he plans to visit many of them throughout the State and note any suggestions that may be made for the best interest of the Association and the College. Letters concerning any suggestions or recommendations dealing with the welfare of the College and all interested parties concerned will be warmly received and given due consideration.

It may be appropriate to state that your Secretary-Treasurer is no stranger at Northwestern State College, as all the Alumni well know. It is true that he has not for the past few years been in immediate reach and contact with the College, but at no time has he been removed in his efforts and thinking for the promotion and greater welfare of his "Old Alma Mater."

A visit to Northwestern State College should also mean a visit to the Office of the Alumni Association. Please do this and register. You are welcome!

J. W. Webb

Spring Sports Plans Progressing At NSC

Spring football drills are currently underway at Northwestern State College, and plans for track, baseball, and tennis are progressing.

Jack Clayton, head football coach and athletic director, announced that Spring grid drill would be concluded with an intrasquad game on March 5. Some 60 candidates are trying out for berths on the 1960 Demon varsity.

Track, baseball, and tennis are scheduled to begin their drill sessions during the month of March.

"Shutter Bugs" had a field day when the NSC campus was blanketed by snow on Friday, Feb. 12. Approximately eight inches of snow fell, but quickly melted when the sun came out the following day.

Ex-Students Hold Meet

Editor's Note — The Alumni Office recently received correspondence telling of a meeting of former students. We would like to hear of other groups doing likewise. The letter follows:

27 January 1960

Mr. Leroy S. Miller,
Secretary, Alumni Assn.
Northwestern State College
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Miller,

A group of alumni of "Louisiana State Normal" gathered informally in New Orleans. The purpose was to dance and to eat and to reminisce.

Each person gave a contribution to defray expenses. We thought we had it figured to the penny, yet when the bank sent our statement, we had a balance unspent. The enclosed check represents this balance, which is contributed to the Association.

With every good wish for success, we remain,

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. E. Lee
(Virginia Lee Marmande)
Mrs. L. B. Hughes
(Beverly Dumestre)
Major Elaine T. Carville

Receives Doctorate

Allan T. Steele, professor of business, received the Ph.D. degree in accounting from the University of Texas at the close of the fall semester at the University. Although now official, the degree will not be formally conferred until May, as the University has only one commencement each year.

Summer Institute Planned In Biology

The Department of Biological Sciences at Northwestern State College and the National Science Foundation will again jointly sponsor a Summer Institute for teachers of biology, June 6 to Aug. 7.

A NSF grant makes generous stipends available to public school teachers who successfully apply for participation in the Institute.

Dr. W. G. Erwin, professor and head of the Department of Biological Sciences, will direct the program.

Cagers Look Toward One of Top Records In School's History

Coach Huey Cranford's basketball squad at Northwestern State College appears headed for one of the finest campaigns in the school's history.

The Demons are 20-4 for the overall season and 6-1 in Gulf States Conference competition. The GSC record finds NSC in first place. The overall record is the best among colleges and universities in Louisiana.

High spots of the season so far include the Demons' winning of the sixth annual Shreveport Gulf South Classic championship, a revenge victory over Southwestern Louisiana Institute, and a resounding 90-71 victory over archrival Louisiana Tech.

Spring Enrollment Indicates Increase

Incomplete enrollment figure for the spring semester has been announced as being 2629. This is an increase of 194 students over the record set in the spring of 1959, which was 2435.

Breakdown by schools is as follows: Applied Arts and Sciences, 579; Arts and Sciences, 393; Education, 1133; Nursing, 350; and Graduate 174. All schools showed an increase.

Appeal Made

The Alumni Office is seeking copies of Normal catalogs for the years 1885 through 1920. The Association will appreciate receiving these publications, should you be in possession of one or more.

NOTICE

The Alumni Office would appreciate hearing from you. We are particularly interested in information about yourself and your work, as well as changes of address. From time to time, pictures will be used.

Suggestions pertaining to Alumni matters or material that you would like to see appear in Alumni Columns will also be welcomed.

When writing, please include information on when you attended the College, kind of degree, and when degree was received.

Address all correspondence to:

Joe W. Webb, Alumni Secretary
Northwestern State College
Natchitoches, Louisiana

CUPID'S DOINGS

Charles G. Stahls, AB '43, and Mrs. Catherine Curby Moench were married recently.

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On Jan. 23 Miss Marilyn Gail Batchelor, senior nursing student, and Thomas Wayne Byrd were married in Tallulah.

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On Jan. 27 in Hodge, La., Miss Sandra Gale Madere, former Demonette, and Jerry Stucky were united in marriage.

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A late January ceremony united in marriage two graduates, Miss Shirley Ann Hays, BS (Nursing) '57, and Charles Donald Morgan, Jr., BS '57.

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Living in Natchitoches, where both are students at Northwestern, are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Franklin Caperton who were married Jan. 29. Mrs. Caperton is the former Elizabeth Moreland.

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Also a January bride was Miss Johnnie Sue Cloyd, BA '59. She married John Clark Moore.

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Miss Clois Lea Warner, (BS '57 in Nursing) and Mr. Jack Witt were married in Columbia, La., on Oct. 3. They are making their home at 2510 Essex Place in Nashville, Tenn., where Mr. Witt works for the Commercial Credit Corp.

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